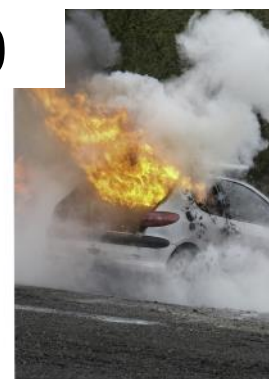




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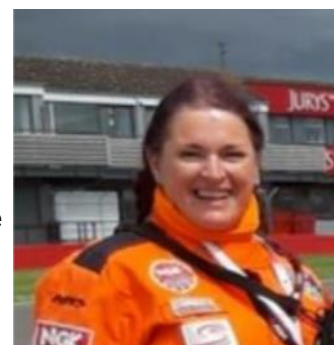


Chair's Report—Jayne Poston

Hi All,

Just a few words from me to open this new edition of your newsletter. The season is just about to get under way with the opening meeting at Donington at the end of March for the start of the BTCC program. I hope to see you all through out the season.

We have a strong Taster Day and Recruitment program planned for the season at Donington so expect to see some newbies joining you on post. I know I can rely on you guys to make them welcome into our orange family.



Remember if you see any of our Midlands members displaying an act that makes them shine above all others please send a nomination to myself at m.chair@marshals.co.uk for our Annual Awards. For the Regional Awards they need to be current BMMC Midland members.

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 4th April	Taster Day at Donington
Saturday 18th April	Taster Day at Donington
Wednesday 18th November	BMMC Midlands AGM – Location TBC
Saturday 28th November	BMMC Midlands Christmas Party
Sunday 6th December	BMMC National AGM – Jurys Inn, Milton Keynes

Jayne Poston

BMMC Midlands Regional Chair



Find us on the above

In the Spotlight: Nick Anslow– Rescue

How did you get into Motorsport?

I first got into motorsport after being taken to our local short oval race track, Hednesford Raceway at a young age. We used to watch the Super Rods, Banger racing and the Hot Rods with the likes of Barry Lee, George Polley and Mick Collard competing. I got into marshalling when my neighbour turned up one Sunday evening in an orange suit and I asked the question “you a marshal at a race track?” and the rest is history.

Why did you choose Rescue?

I saw it as an opportunity to do something different to learn something different.

What is a typical race day for you?

A typical day for me on the Rescue unit would start with arriving at the circuit between 7.00am and 7.30 (depends if I am putting the radios together) collecting the radios from race control to take down to sign on. After sign on, we would drive and park up in the pitlane awaiting our Doctor or Paramedic. Whilst we are waiting, this gives us the opportunity to collect some of the medical kit that is stored in the medical centre, that we need to carry for the day and to check the mechanical equipment on the rescue unit. This involves getting out the hydraulic cutting tools and the battery-operated tools to check that they are all functioning correctly before the start of the day. Once we have been allocated our medic, we would then make our way out onto post. During the day and especially if we have a trainee on board, we practice some of the techniques we use in extracting a driver for example C Spine management, helmet removal, fitting splints, collars. Clearly, we cannot wrap up our victim too much as in a blink of an eye we can be put on standby and scrambled to a real incident.

What advice would you give for those wanting to get into Rescue?

Anybody that is interested shouldn't be afraid to ask any crew member of any rescue unit how to get involved, whether that be at a race, rally or sprint/hill climb event.

It is a commitment to learning some new skill sets to obtain your full licence that can be used not only at a motorsport event but also can be used outside of motorsport at work or in the street. (I have used what I've learned in rescue outside of motorsport)

My final bit of advice would be train hard, get stuck in and it will be rewarding.

If you could race in one event, what would it be and what vehicle would you choose?

It would have to be the Lemans 24 hour for sure. One of the most iconic races on the motorsport calendar. However, we would have to turn the clock back a little as what I would have liked to drive is one of the group C Jaguars, the XJR-12 just because of the look and the sheer power and sound of those cars.

Outside the BMMC, what other hobbies do you have?

Unfortunately, outside of the BMMC I don't get much time to do other hobbies as supporting Oliver in his other hobbies consumes my spare time!

Which Marshalling role would you want to try out next?

There are not many roles I haven't tried. Post chief would be my next step, maybe in a couple of seasons time.

Describe the BMMC in 3 words...

Fun, friendly, family!!

Would you like to contribute?

ARTICLES WANTED!

We are always looking for new contributors to the Midlands Marshals Post. So if you have anything to contribute then email m.news@marshals.co.uk, . News, pictures, information, ideas or feedback is all appreciated.

All articles to be approximately 600 words

Members and Upgrades

Welcome to our new members!

Mark Smith from Halesowen

David Middleton from Bewdley

James Sharp from Kidderminster

Roy Barnley from Aston-on-Trent

Michael Boland from Nuneaton

Tim Hutchins from Upton upon Severn

Stuart Morris from Kenilworth

Chris Perks from Pershore

A Hello from the Midlands Membership Secretary

Membership Secretary

Hi, my name is Derek Murphy, and I have recently taken over the role of Membership Secretary for the Midland Region. I am here to help you all, both new and existing members, with any queries that you may have about the club. I don't claim to have all the answers, but hopefully I will at least know where to go to get you an answer.

So if you have any questions, please give me a call on 07768 202236 or drop me an email to m.members@marshals.co.uk, and remember there is no such thing as a stupid question, other than the one that we don't ask.

I anticipate that some of you will be wondering when your membership cards will be coming out this year. As most of you know, we had some issues with the membership database, and also had to wait for the new BRMC logo to be unveiled. This delayed the start of the membership renewal cycle, which in turn created quite a backlog. However, cards have now started arriving and if you haven't got yours yet it should be with you very soon.

On the subject of renewals, whilst the majority of members have renewed, there are some of you who have not. If you are thinking of leaving us, please give me a call. I would like to understand your reasons and see if there is anything that the club can do to help you. Maybe another form of motorsport might interest you? To those of you who do intend to renew but haven't yet got round to it, here is the link to renew online <https://www.marshals.co.uk/payments/>

Regards,

Derek

Christmas Party 2019 / End of Year Party 2020

First of all, a massive thank you to everyone who attended the Midlands Christmas Party 2019.

We raised £297.75 for DPRAC and £482.75 for Race against Dementia, which is absolutely amazing.

Well done to all our award winners who received recognition on the night. Remember if you want to nominate a fellow Marshal for this year's awards drop an email to m.chair@marshals.co.uk or any committee member.

So now it's that time of year again! The BMMC Midlands End of Year Party 2020 planning is underway.

It will be taking place on **28th November 2020** and we have managed to keep the same deal as last year: **£25pp** which includes a 3 course meal, awards, raffle and disco.

So now we need YOUR help to secure the venue. We are now accepting **£10pp** deposits either by cash to us at Donington or by bank transfer. Drop us a message if you are interested and we can get further details to you - m.bmmcevents@hotmail.com.

As always, we are open to any suggestions for the party, so let us know.

We hope to see you all there!

Donington ES Team Awards



Rob Mitchell – Bernie West Trophy

This trophy is awarded for a bit of fun as the cockup of the year award! Rob received this award for making Di a cup of Tea!



Ashley Locke - John Johnson Salver

This award is given to the member of the Team who is respected and well thought of by others for their marshalling abilities and the good examples they set to other marshals.

Rally Update

Welcome to the first Rally Report of 2020. It's March already, we'll soon be counting down to Christmas at this rate!



The year started off in grand style at the Autosport International show at the NEC back in January, where BRMC relaunched itself with a new logo to commemorate its 40th Anniversary. The new logo was designed by member Kim Durose. Malcolm Wilson OBE, the owner of M-Sport, joined us on the stand for the official unveiling. We were delighted that the current British Rally Champion Matt Edwards was also able to join us to present the inaugural BRMC Marshal of the year Jimmy McRae Award.

The recipient, Ian Evans was surprised by the presentation: 'I was speechless when Matt handed the trophy to me'.

Ian said later, the award is not only for me but also for everyone who helps on the many events that I am involved with. "Thank you to all of you." This award has been introduced to recognize the British Rally Marshals Club's Rally Marshal of the Year. It will be presented annually to a marshal whose contribution was above and beyond the normal duties expected of a marshal.



Rally Training is currently under way and everyone is welcome and its free! We just ask that you register on the BRMC website to ensure that we can plan for the numbers expected. All BRMC training days will cover the modules listed in your Rally PRC, except for Fire Practical and the Stage Commander Program.

To ensure you are allocated to the correct group and your PRC is signed in the correct place, please ensure you select the correct reason for attending together with the grade you wish to grade for. The remaining local Rally training dates are:

Derby University Sunday 5th April

Llandrindrod Wells Sunday 31st May

Rally Dates:

Donington Park Stages 15th March

www.dukeries-motorclub.co.uk/event/donington-rally-2020/

Agbo Stages, Weston Park 14th / 15th March

www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk

Rally of North Wales Saturday 28th march

www.rallynorthwales.co.uk

Mike Grantham



Midlands Region Training 2020

As usual, there were a number of days training organised in January by the Region for the closed season. All were supported by Motor Sport Vision and held at Donington Park, Financial support came from the British Motor Sports Training Trust.

The first day was for rescue unit crews, both experiences and new. We were glad to welcome Lace Rescue and some individuals to the day as well as Donington Emergency Services Team members.

The next weekend we held sessions for Trainee Track, Trainee Specialist and Experienced other grades. There was an excellent turn out totally approximately 160 people, which is slightly above the numbers in 2019.

As always, I am very grateful to all the instructors, helpers, caterers and practical fire team crew who delivered the training and made the day run smoothly.

Jim Whitaker

Midland Region Training Officer



Photography: Brian Tyler

Speed—What is a Speed Event?

The majority of speed events in the UK are either sprints or hill-climbs.

The only difference between a sprint and a hill-climb is the angle of the track. Both events are one-time against the clock over a short, closed tarmac section of road.

I personally got hooked on speed events at a young age when my father would take the family for days out to Curborough and Loton Park.

There are many speed licensed venues in the country ranging from long established hills like Prescott, Shelsley Walsh, Harewood and Loton Park to lesser known venues such as Curborough, Three sisters, MIRA, and Blyton. Some are full time motorsport venues, but others are on closed roads such as Craigantlet in Northern Ireland.

Most of the hills and sprint courses are very narrow and do not allow any room for errors, though some events including rounds of the British Sprint Championship events are held on racetracks such as Knockhill and Kirkistown. Check out internet videos of Doune Hillclimb in Scotland as an example of one of the narrowest courses.

One of the best features of a sprint or hill-climb is the variety of makes and models involved. Everything from road going Fiat 500's, modified Road legal cars, heavily modified production cars with slicks, formula fords, Jedi, F3, and purpose built speed single seaters and sports cars.

What does a Marshal do at a Speed Event?

Very similar roles exist to at a racetrack, but the delivery of those roles differs.

Paddock Marshals- Gather the classes of cars together and ensure they arrive at the start line order with helmets and gloves

Start-Line Marshal- Call the next car up to the line and manually push it up to the laser beams. Once perfectly lined up the timekeeper will show the driver a green light to start their run

Track-side Marshals- In close proximity to the course, at most events mere feet away from the edge of the track, you will monitor the one car going round and put the red flag out when necessary

There are of course duties for course control, rescue, recovery, scrutineers, paddock office, results, clerks, and stewards.

If, like me, motorsport is not just about good racing, but also the cars, seeing talented drivers work their magic, and new drivers learn their craft, as well as a close social network then maybe you should try a sprint or hill climb.

So come join us at a speed event near you and see if you enjoy!

“Rat up a Drainpipe” - Ian Dixon

So sitting here waiting for divine inspiration, I decided to think back to the great year of

2019 and decided it was a little wet and hectic. One highlight was being called in the doctors car from post 16 to Redgate, under the red flag with Naveen my doctor for the day tooting the horn and shouting, “Get out of the way!”

I was in fact trying to stay cool and drive well as I really didn't want to collide with anyone.

The other fun thing was to watch James Pearson running back and forth from post 9 to Starkey's Bridge. He was like a duck in a fun fare shooting gallery.

There is plenty out there to think about and which I documented over the year, I admit I was a bit low on content at times. This was due to the fact that my grandson Freddie was diagnosed with Non Hodgekinsons Melanoma on the 1st of June.

Since then it was a juggling act for parents, grandparents, uncles and friends to organise last minute changes of plans to look after Freddie's sister and everything that goes with it. He did have a tough time of it and I'm very pleased to tell you he has rung the bell - Feb 13 all clear.

Now he needs to get his stamina, food intake and schooling brought up to scratch now. Thank you to all of you for your kind remarks and donations.

I've always enjoyed training days, they can be most entertaining.

First up, snatch training was highlighted by the appearance of some racing cars in the form of a F.Ford, a saloon car and the car that always has caused a problem in the past, a 3ltr Radical, the latter having a good set of proper towing eyes on it. Thank you to the three drivers who brought them for us to maul over, sorry I didn't get your names. Snatch practical had a queue of people wanting to drive the cars into the gravel not snatch them however.

This year was my assessment, for rescue, which makes you feel a little apprehensive. I think I have been doing this long enough now not to fail, but, you never know.

The first task of the day was a set of pictures of medical instruments that Bob Rae had set up to identify.

Answer not just the description of the thingy that goes down the throat with a light on, but, the real medical name, in this case it's a Laryngoscope. Or Sucker that is actually called a Yankauer. 23 items to be named all together.

I will be the first to admit that I have a problem at times, with names, my conclusion was that looking at other peoples sheets, I don't think I did too badly at all.

Eventually time came to assess, our team was Nick Anslow, myself Richard Sneader and Ray Couchman also assessing.

We were very luckily in that we had the Peugeot 106 to rescue our driver from.

Lace Rescue has a Reaunalt Cleo, a special version of sorts, which was a pig to cut up. Both cars were resting on the driver's side door with the driver lying in the door head against the roof.

We of course had a plan to cut a large oblong hole in the roof and flap the roof down.

We had all the gear out and the rear door off in a matter of minutes.

“Rat up a Drainpipe”- Ian Dixon—Contd

Me, being the smallest, was in the back like a rat up a drainpipe. The rear seats were kind as they were already broken and didn't pose too much of a hindrance. Getting into a comfy position I clamped onto the drivers helmet - oh err - and began talking to him about what the heck I thought was going on.

Covering the driver with a Kevlar cloth, cutting began. With your head's down it's difficult to actually see what's going on around so conversation can wander off into general babble as well as trying to inform the driver. Soon the roof was cut open, with me nearly tumbling out as the roof was flapped down.

Our driver was soon put on board and carried away. Job done!

And to top it all off, we all assessed ok - Yipeeee!

Lace rescue had decided to cut the pillars and they had a really hard time as the pillars are reinforced.

The following week-end happened to be I/O and marshal training to which I have lent a hand for many years.

I knew I was going to have a busy day when, as I parked up, Jim Whitaker was there asking if I could get security to unlock the big gate at the back.

So off I went and when asking security about said gate, the reply came back that, he didn't think so.

Oh! Said I, but he then said, I'll come and see him to sort it. Phew!

There were about 150 marshals put through fire training that weekend and I never fail to be amused at the practical sessions. So well done everybody.

This year Ian Berry is handing over the circuit representative to me, as he is wanting to do less in that regard.

So if you have any problems or questions come and see me. If I can' answer it there and then I shall jolly well find out for you.

Stay safe,

Ian Dixon

Sad News


Ryan Lowry, co founder of CALM All Porsche Series was tragically killed 27th February 2020.

Ryan died trying to help another near his home in Cheshire. Race in Peace Ryan, he will be sadly missed in paddocks everywhere.

BMMC National Regalia and BMMC Teamwear

It's getting cold out there—need a woolly hat?

BMMC knitted hats and more regalia available from Joe Watts. See him on Race days (mostly Donington Park) or email m.regalia@marshals.co.uk

	Knitted Hats 100% Acrylic. With BMMC Logo Colours : Orange or Black	£4.50
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Lapel Pin- £2

Woven Patch- £2



BMMC Umbrella- £10

Grading

Hello, I'm Simon and I have now taken over the role of Midlands Grading Officer.

Currently my main task has been giving advice at the training days, so hopefully many of you have seen me already this year. I am very much still getting my feet under the table so please do bear with me.

I have some ideas which I hope will speed up the grading process slightly and hopefully improve the feedback given to marshals. I will be investigating this in the coming months and will feed-back with any updates.

If you have any queries please do drop me an email:

m.grading@marshals.co.uk

Simon

Taster Days 2020– Donington Park

Upcoming Taster Days

Saturday 4th April	Taster Day at Donington Park
Saturday 18th April	Taster Day at Donington Park

For more details and to register, contact m.chair@marshals.co.uk

Under 18?

The BMMC Midland Region & Donington Emergency Services Team Taster Day programme provides opportunities for prospective marshals between **16 and 18** years of age. Complying with the Motorsport UK's 'Duty of Care' guidelines, this provides younger volunteers with the chance to gain first-hand experience of a motorsport environment.

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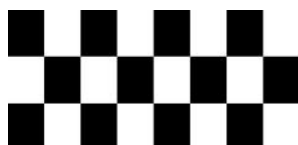
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